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# Quality of meals eaten out of home among Norwegian adolescents

Results from the Ungkost-3 Pilot study





#### INTRODUCTION

- Rapid changes in health behaviors during adolescence influence eating habits
- American studies find:
  - Eating out of home is more common than earlier
  - Fast food outlets are especially popular among adolescents
  - Fast food outlets provide about 1/3 of meals eaten out of home
  - Out of home foods are higher in fat and energy compared with foods eaten at home

### Introduction

What is the quality of meals eaten out of home among Norwegian adolescents?

### RESEARCH QUESTION?

Is eating main meals out of home more prevalent among Norwegian 13 than 9 year olds?

Do main meals eaten out of home contribute with more energy than meals eaten at home?

Which food groups are contributing with most energy in main meals eaten out of home?

### UNGKOST-3 PILOT STUDY

- Subjects: school children
  - Schools: n=14
  - 9 year olds: n=163
  - 13 year olds: n=190 (adolescents)
- Design
  - 4 days food record
  - Web based tool (WebDASH)
  - Includes all weekdays
  - Season: fall/winter (2013)



### UNGKOST-3 PILOT STUDY



- Main meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Eating location: At home, at school, with a friend, at after school activity, at restaurant/cafe, other

## MAIN MEALS IN UNGKOST-3 PILOT STUDY

#### Breakfast

- 9 year olds: n=642 meals (98%)
- 13 year olds: n=709 meals (93%)

#### Lunch

- 9 year olds: n=632 meals (97%)
- 13 year olds: n=682 meals (90%)

#### Dinner

- 9 year olds: n=647 meals (99%)
- 13 year olds: n=748 meals (98 %)

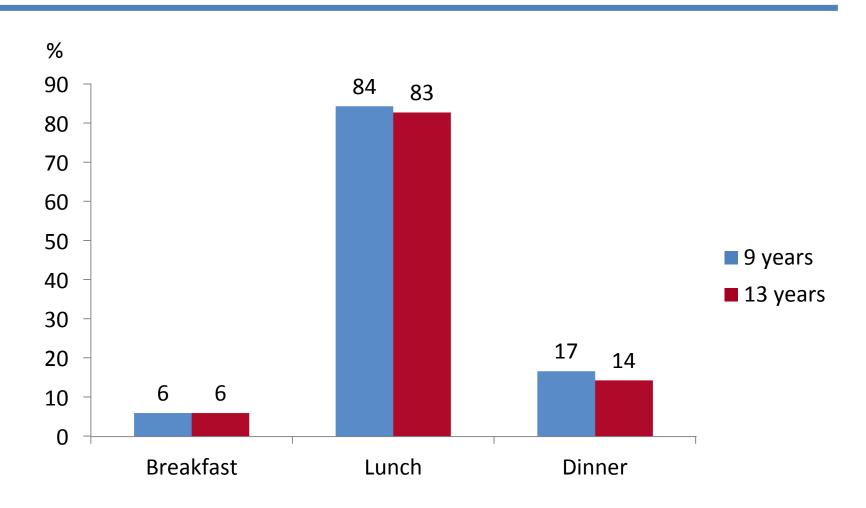
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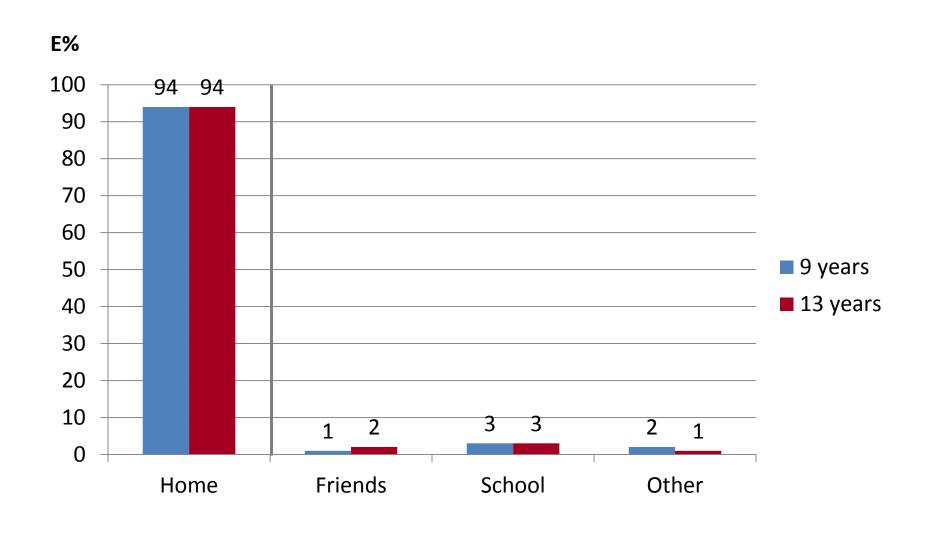
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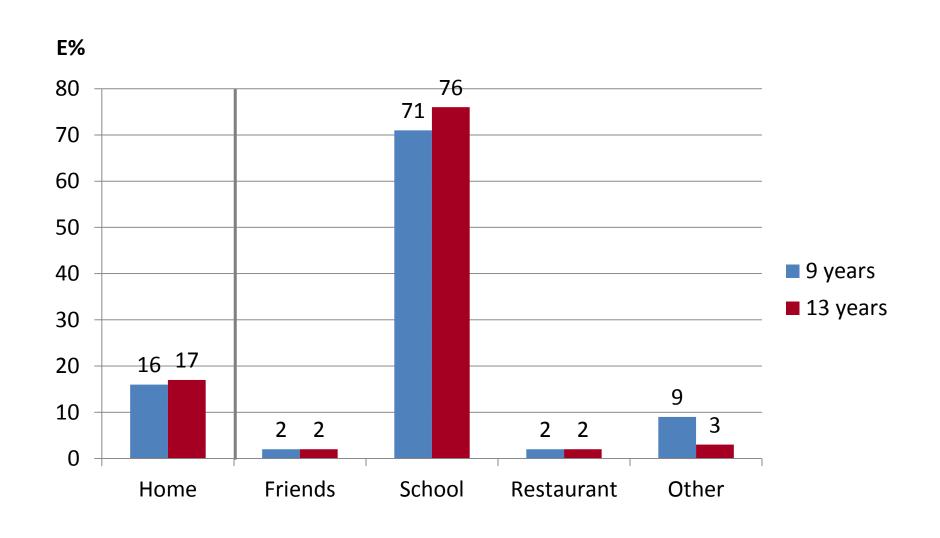
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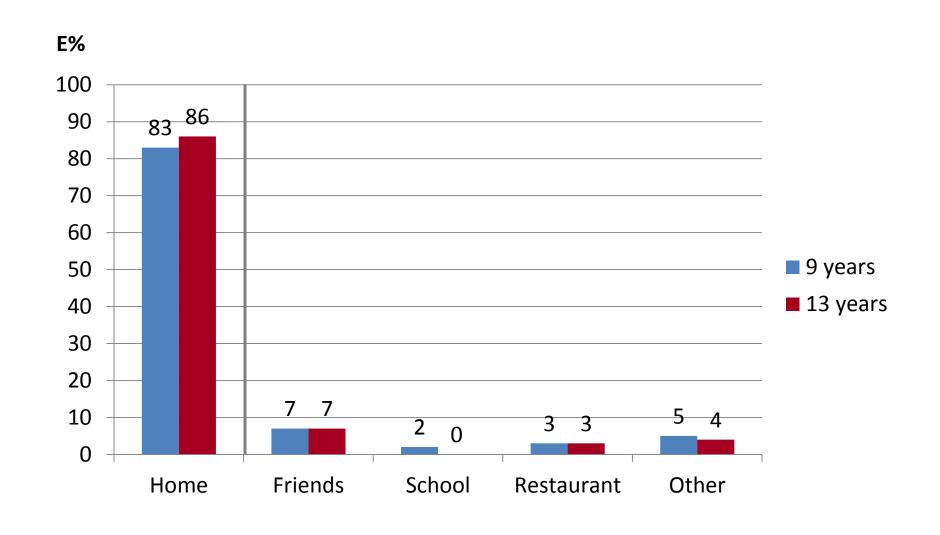
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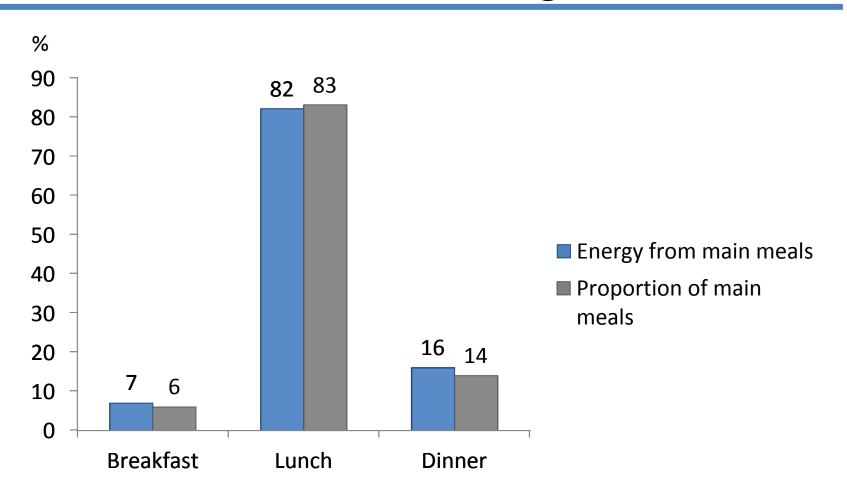
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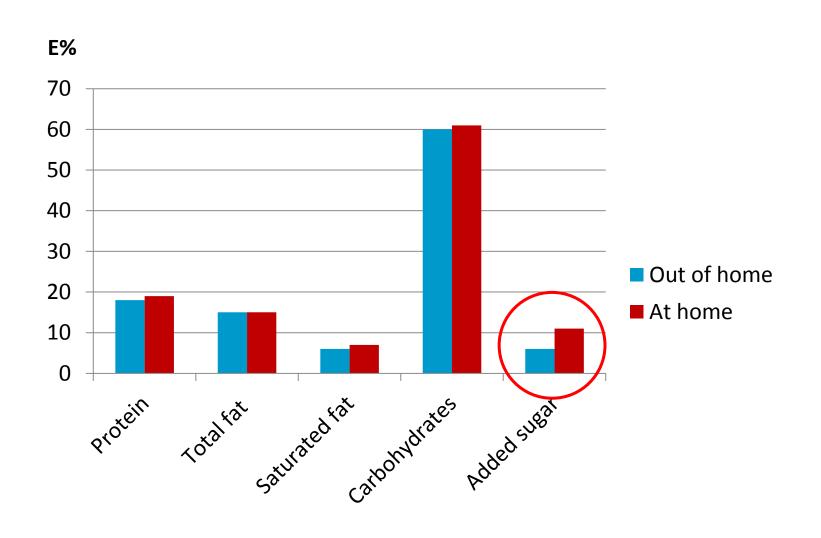
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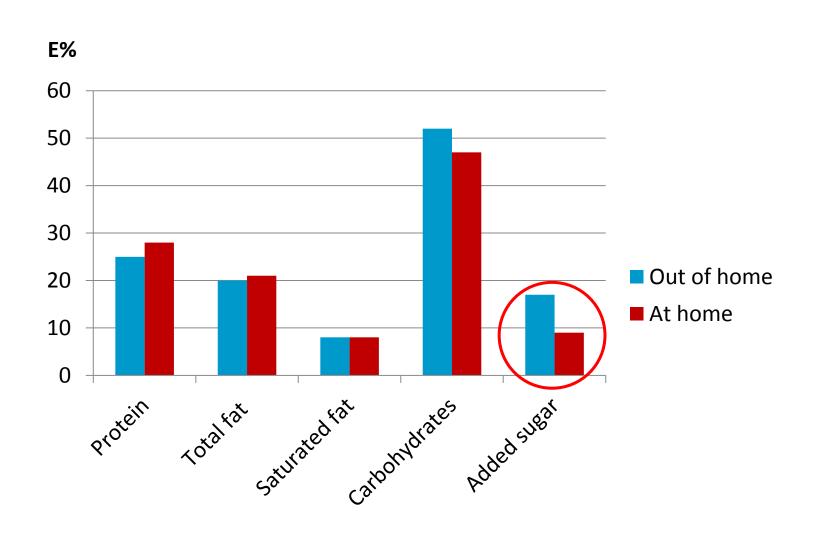
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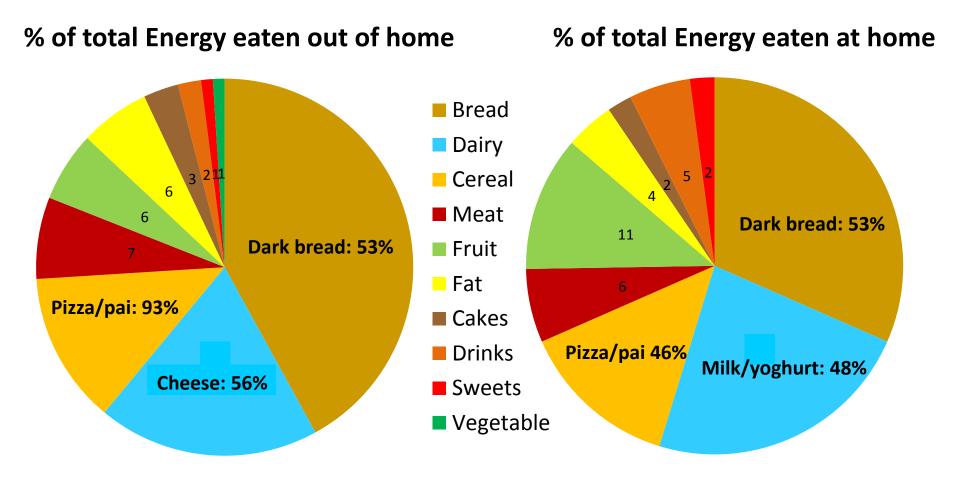
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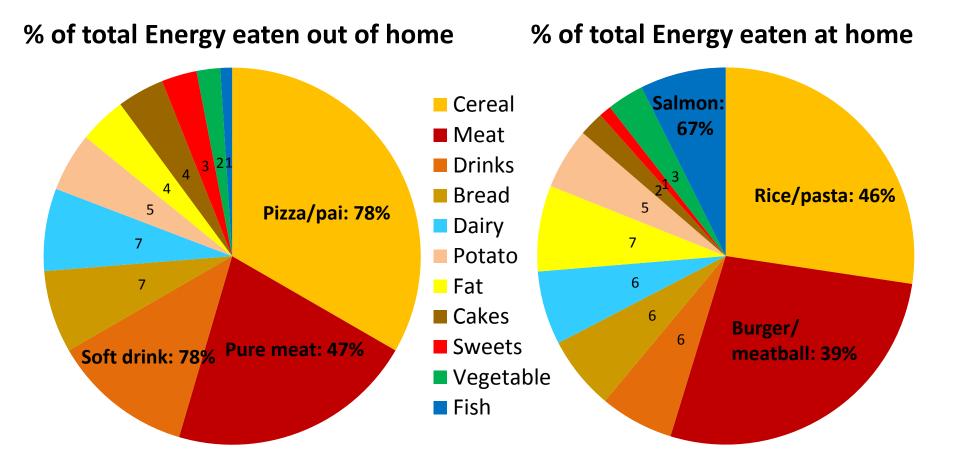
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# FOODS CONTRIBUTING WITH ENERGY FOR LUNCH AMONG 13 YEAR OLDS



# FOODS CONTRIBUTING WITH ENERGY FOR DINNER AMONG 13 YEAR OLDS



#### CONCLUSION

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- Preliminary results from the Norwegian Ungkost-3 pilot study find that:
  - The proportion of eating main meals out of home is simular between 9 and 13 year olds
  - Meals eaten out of home contributes with less energy from added sugar for lunch and more added sugar for dinner
  - More energy from bread, cheese, pizza/pai and soft drinks are found eaten out of home and less from milk/yoghurt, fruit and fish